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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application of: Philip A. Block et.al  
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For: OXIDATION OF ORGANIC COMPOUNDS

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**Preliminary Amendment**

Prior to the examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as set forth below. Please charge any fees necessitated by this Preliminary Amendment to Deposit Account 06-1440.

**Amendments to the Specification** are listed on page 2 of this response.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 4 of this response.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this response.

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